

SB 958, which established this Commission, also directed that the districts you draw be geographically contiguous and, "to the extent practicable, ...drawn to encourage geographical compactness, such that nearby areas of population are not bypassed for more distant population." As the bill's author - Senator Ricardo Lara - had intended, this independent commission was to make the Supervisorial districts more competitive.

And so here we are, with just one week before you must submit your final recommendation, and one of the maps still under consideration - F-2 - violates these tenets, bypassing some populations for more distant populations, in an attempt to create less-competitive districts, all but one of which would stretch in excess of 35 miles from end-to-end. The result of this map is that one could drive just four short miles along Santa Monica Boulevard, through contiguous communities, and cross three Supervisorial boundaries. Even more unbelievably, F-2 somehow manages to divide the San Gabriel Valley, Gateway Cities, South Bay, and Westside communities into three different Supervisorial districts each. That is quite the accomplishment.

Far from honoring the spirit and letter of the law that established this Commission, map F-2 would violate the most basic principles that should form the basis of an *independent* redistricting process, resulting in a map that would be less geographically compact and contiguous than the current maps.

While maps G-1 and B-3 each have their respective challenges, F-2 should be removed from any further consideration for the way it would unnecessarily divvy up so many contiguous communities, while unnecessarily stretching to connect places as far afield as West Hollywood with Pomona, San Fernando with Torrance, Palos Verdes with Diamond Bar, and Westwood/UCLA with Carson.

Please remove F-2 from further consideration to focus your remaining energies on G-1 and B-3. Thank you.